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Mr. M. H. Salaman American Society of Photogrammetry 56 B Crescent Road Greenbelt, Maryland

Dear Mr. Salzman:

Many thanks for your most cordial invitation to deliver the opening address of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Photo grammetry.

I am complimented by this invitation and wish it mere possible to accept. However, in my present position it is both undesirable and inadvisable for me to speak to large gatherings of this nature. I know you will appreciate the fact that people in this business prefer as much anarymity as possible. Therefore, I have declined all such invitation as I have received except those of an instructional nature at the service schools of the Defense Department and similar organizations.

Please convey to the members of your Committee my deep regret that circumstances will not permit me to be with them, and my best wishes for a nost successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Valter D. Smith

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